

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 16-1333V

Filed: January 8, 2018

UNPUBLISHED

JULIE R. KORB,

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

Special Processing Unit (SPU);
Damages Decision Based on Proffer;
Influenza (Flu) Vaccine; Shoulder
Injury Related to Vaccine
Administration (SIRVA)

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Colleen C. Hartley, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for respondent.*

DECISION AWARDING DAMAGES¹

Dorsey, Chief Special Master:

On October 13, 2016, Julie R. Korb (“petitioner”) filed a petition for compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, 42 U.S.C. §300aa-10, *et seq.*,² (the “Vaccine Act” or “Program”). Petitioner alleged that she suffered “injuries, including rotator cuff tendinopathy, impingement syndrome and a partial tear, that were caused by the Trivalent Influenza vaccination that she received on Wednesday, September 18, 2013.” Petition at 1; *accord.* Petition at ¶¶ 2, 12. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit of the Office of Special Masters.

On May 3, 2017, a ruling on entitlement was issued, finding petitioner entitled to compensation for her shoulder injury related to vaccine administration (“SIRVA”). On January 8, 2018, respondent filed a proffer on award of compensation (“Proffer”) indicating petitioner should be awarded \$110,634.83, representing \$630.00 for past

¹ Because this unpublished decision contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, the undersigned intends to post it on the United States Court of Federal Claims' website, in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002. 44 U.S.C. § 3501 note (2012) (Federal Management and Promotion of Electronic Government Services). In accordance with Vaccine Rule 18(b), petitioner has 14 days to identify and move to redact medical or other information, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy. If, upon review, the undersigned agrees that the identified material fits within this definition, the undersigned will redact such material from public access.

² National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-660, 100 Stat. 3755. Hereinafter, for ease of citation, all “§” references to the Vaccine Act will be to the pertinent subparagraph of 42 U.S.C. § 300aa (2012).

unnreimburseable medical expenses, \$7,504.83 for past lost wages, and \$102,500.00 for pain and suffering. Proffer at 1. In the Proffer, respondent represented that petitioner agrees with the proffered award. Based on the record as a whole, the undersigned finds that petitioner is entitled to an award as stated in the Proffer.

Pursuant to the terms stated in the attached Proffer, **the undersigned awards petitioner a lump sum payment of \$110,634.83, representing \$630.00 for past unreimburseable medical expenses, \$7,504.83 for past lost wages, and \$102,500.00 for pain and suffering, in the form of a check payable to petitioner, Julie R. Korb.** This amount represents compensation for all damages that would be available under § 15(a).

The clerk of the court is directed to enter judgment in accordance with this decision.³

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Nora Beth Dorsey
Nora Beth Dorsey
Chief Special Master

³ Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 11(a), entry of judgment can be expedited by the parties' joint filing of notice renouncing the right to seek review.

II. Form of the Award

The parties recommend that the compensation provided to petitioner should be made through a lump sum payment of \$110,634.83 in the form of a check payable to petitioner.²

Petitioner agrees.

Respectfully submitted,

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² Petitioner is a competent adult. Proof of guardianship is not required in this case.